Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Remarks
1.	M/s. Easy Call Comunications (India) Pvt. Ltd. LB/5 Ansal Bhavan, 16. Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110 001.	LOI accepted & Licence Agreement signed on 8th July 1994.
2.	M/s. India Telecomp, Telecomp House, L-12, South Extension-II, New Delhi-110 049.	LOI Accepted
3.	M/s. Hutchison Max Telecom, 12th Floor, Devika Tower, 6 Nehru Place, New Delhi-110 019.	-do-
4.	M/s. Mobile Communications Ltd., 505, New Delhi House, 27, Bnarakhamba Road, New Delhi-110 001.	LOI not accepted.

Privatisation of Postal Services

1895. **SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY**: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to privatise some portion of postal services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to utilise the services of the large number of the unemployed youth of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The schemes offering job opportunity for unemployed youths are in operation for sale of stamps and departmental stationeries in areas where Post Office cannot be opened due to financial and other constrains These schemes are-

(i) *Licensed stamp vendors* : The Stamp Vendors are the licensee of the Post Office and their work is limited to sale of postal stamps and stationery on a fixed commission. The commission for sale of stamps at present is 5 per cent for normal areas and 5—10 per cent for hilly/tribal areas. The Stamp Vendors can sell any amount of stamps and stationery without any restrictions.

(ii) *Post Shop*: *Facility is* now available to have suitable use of space in selected post offices on payment of appropriate licence fee for providing STD/ISD and Fax service as also sale of stationery, Greeting Cards, packing materials, books and magazines.

Telephones out of order in Delhi

1896. **SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH**: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones which remained out of order for more than a week during the last two months in Shakti Nagar Telephone Exchange in Delhi;